

PROMOTING LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVISM OF YOUTH (PLAY) FOR PEACE IN LIBYA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

USAID's new Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM) program, *Promoting Leadership and Activism of Youth (PLAY) for Peace in Libya* (or “PLAY for Peace”), aims to increase youth participation in reconciliation efforts by providing safe spaces for dialogue and skills development, and opportunities for youth to engage with their communities. The two-year program seeks to reduce the likelihood of violence in Misrata, Tawergha, and Bani Walid in Western Libya by strengthening youth-youth relationships and promoting civic participation.

- Life of Program: September 2020 - September 2022
- USAID Implementing Partner: International Rescue Committee, Inc. (IRC)
- USAID Investment: \$1.5 million

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

PLAY for Peace generates attitudinal change among youth by providing them with space and skills to foster positive relationships while promoting reconciliation. PLAY for Peace also encourages institutional change by fostering youth civic participation through collaboration with municipal councils in localized reconciliation efforts. Implementation of the program will be done in close partnership with the Libyan non-governmental organization Y-PEER.

PLAY for Peace will:

- Establish youth groups for participants aged 18-24 years old in Misrata, Tawergha, and Bani Walid to develop peace projects and awareness campaigns;
- Deliver life skills trainings on personal growth through leadership, trust, self-confidence, and changing inter-personal behaviors regarding discrimination and violence between groups;
- Broadcast positive messages to the public through radio shows, podcasts, live stream videos, and social media platforms; and
- Organize community events to showcase community achievements and disseminate positive messages of cohesion between all attendees.

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